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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet
United States District Court
for the District of Delaware
844 N. King Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Re: *Dyson, Inc, et al. v. Maytag Corp., et al.*, Civ. No. 05-434-GMS

Dear Judge Sleet:

The defendants ("Hoover") respectfully ask the Court to designate the portion of the trial transcript dated June 1, 2007, corresponding to the in-Chambers settlement-related discussions (page 863, li. 16 through page 867, li. 23) as "CONFIDENTIAL – FILED UNDER SEAL." The reason for Hoover's request is that the in-Chambers session was conducted in furtherance of the parties' settlement discussions, and should not be part of the public trial record. Hoover asked Dyson to consent to this request, but counsel for Dyson stated that it did not take a position on this matter.

We further note that on May 31, 2007, Dyson asked for, and the Court Ordered, that an earlier sidebar discussion regarding settlement be filed under seal. *See* Transcript of Thursday, May 31, 2007, at pages 689-695. We request that the similar in-Chambers discussions of June 1, 2007, which were undertaken with the goal of advancing the parties' settlement discussions, be similarly sealed.

Respectfully submitted,

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